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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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<b>Application Number</b>	09/379,104
<b>Filing Date</b>	August 23, 1999
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 3, 2003 and February 19, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i  Amendment/Reply
  - ii  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other Petition for Extension of Time

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-2135
  - i  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
  - ii  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
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